

ICANN NON-CONTRACTED PARTY HOUSE
PROPOSAL FOR INTERSESSIONAL MEETING

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Submission date: 24 April 2025

Proposed meeting date: Friday, 24 October 2025

Proposed meeting time: 9:00 – 17:00 (Muscat local time)

Proposed location: ICANN84 meeting venue

Proposed attendees: CSG Executive Committee
(Philippe Fouquart, Susan Mohr, Mason Cole, Marie Pattullo, John McElwaine, David Hughes)

CSG GNSO Councilors
(Lawrence Olawale-Roberts, Vivek Goyal, Damon Ashcraft, Susan Payne, Osvaldo Navoa, TBD ISPCP Councilor)

NCSG Executive Committee
(Rafik Dammak, Tapani Tarvainen, Wale Adedokun, Pedro de Perdigão Lana, Amin Hacha)

NCSG Policy Committee
(Manju Chen, Bruna Martins dos Santos, Taiwo Peter Akinremi, Julf Helsingius, Farzaneh Badii, Tomslin Samme-Nlar, Michaela Shapiro, Peterking Quaye, Juan Manuel Rojas, Emmanuel Vitus and Wisdom Donkor)

NCA NCPH
(Paul McGrady)

Facilitation: Paul McGrady

Meeting goals: All requested attendees will contribute constructively to the goals of the meeting.

This session is meant to help the two SGs collaborate on issues of mutual interest, identify common goals, advance ICANN policy work, and build and maintain good will between the SGs.

The CSG and NCSG conducted intersessional meetings immediately prior to ICANN78 in Hamburg and ICANN81 in Istanbul and can report that they were an [overall success](#) in terms of re-establishing a cordial working relationship, advancing policy, developing a deeper relationship with the ICANN Board, and making successful appointments to ICANN offices.

As is the case for the annual multi-day summit arranged for the Contracted Party House, the CSG and NCSG find utility and value in the investment of further time and resources

into additional collaborative discussions and work. While progress has been made, there still remain issues on which the two SGs are divided, and this causes SG work – and in turn, ICANN work – to suffer.

Should ICANN Org agree to this renewed proposal for a one-day meeting, the CSG and NCSG leaderships hope to continue to rebuild the groups' working relationship, have productive interactions with the ICANN Board and staff, further identify and collaborate on goals of mutual interest, and agree to appointment procedures for GNSO, Board and other ICANN offices.

Potential outputs:

The CSG and NCSG intend to:

- Share with one another, and with the broader ICANN community, their objectives for progress on policy and other matters through the end of 2025.
- Enhance the working relationship with their appointed Board representative, and the full Board, should we be granted the opportunity for another productive interaction.
- Arrive at predictable procedures for the selection of GNSO Council leadership.
- Arrive at a mutually agreed-to approach regarding rebalancing of GNSO Council representation.
- Agree to a collaboration model for consideration of and joint work on policy issues of mutual interest.

Funding request:

The CSG and NCSG respectfully request ICANN funding for the purpose of conducting the intersessional.

Logistics needs:

The CSG and NCSG submit the following requests and notes for the proposed session:

- Remote participation capability
- No recordings necessary
- Catering is kindly requested unless there are suitable options near the meeting venue for lunch for participants
- Staff support at ICANN Org's discretion